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about the money and other...all other kinds of issues, but we forgot to talk about the children. And we've forgotten to mention here as well the mothers, who in many cases are struggling to take care of their children and to meet their children's needs. Not all of these mothers are asking for state help. Some are struggling on their own and I believe this bill has the potential for helping them as well. I remember you saying earlier, Senator Chambers, something about federal policymakers punishing the children, and I'm...I'm...I don't think that's their intent. I think their intent is to help the children. I also remember Senator Vrtiska's remarks earlier in the debate about the noncustodial and his or her rights, and if they don't get visitation choosing not to pay. Well, who does that hurt? That hurts the children and, you know, I would like to set up a situation eventually where everybody gets their...their rights addressed, and...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...this...this may not be a perfect bill. I don't think it's a perfect bill. I think we can do some work on it, but I think we need to do something. And the other thing that I do believe we need to do is at some point we need to address the visitation rights. There are a lot of noncustodial parents who have told me all kinds of awful stories about their deprivation and not being able to see their children. But I would like to get off this bracket amendment. I would like to move forward on the bill, and I think that...that maybe there is some things that can be done here to resolve your, not personal animosity to this bill, Senator Chambers, but your very strong feelings about it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LR 116, (LR) 118, (LR) 119, (LR) 120, and (LR) 121. Items for the record.

CLERK: Madam President, Natural Resources Committee reports LB 154, (LB) 471, (LB) 541, (LB) 657, (LB) 733, (LB) 735, (LB) 747, (LB) 749, LR 48 indefinitely postponed. Senator Wickersham would like to print amendments to LB 724. (See pages 1791-92 of the Legislative Journal.)